

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1994

February 2, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits an executive service employee of the executive branch from lobbying during the 12-month period following departure from such office or employment, or lobbying the agency with which the employee was employed for a 36-month period.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304(l), members of the General Assembly, elected officials of the executive branch, members of the Governor's cabinet, or cabinet level staff are barred from lobbying for 12 months after leaving such employment.
- The proposed legislation would expand applicability to any executive service employee of the executive branch.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-306(a)(2)(B), the Tennessee Ethics Commission is authorized to assess a civil penalty up to \$10,000 if a person knowingly violates lobbying restrictions.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-306(d), an intentional violation of these restrictions is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor for the first offense, Class B for the second, and Class A for the third and subsequent offenses.
- There will not be a sufficient number of civil or criminal prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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